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Honorable Warren G. Magnuson, Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Honorable George H. Mahon, Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Chairmen:

In the process of acquiring critically needed leased space in the Metropolitan Washington Area, an issue has been raised by the General Services Administration (GSA), the resolution of which makes coordination with your Committees appropriate.

During hearings on the Agency's FY 1977 budget requests, then Director Bush explained to your Committees CIA's critical requirement for additional office space in the metropolitan area. Much of this requirement stems from the need to convert office space to machine space for computer programs, such as SAFE, ADSTAR, and CAMS which have been approved previously by your Committees. In fact, our needs are more critical now than when first explained by Director Bush because of the incessant demands of the machine and the realignment of a number of Agency functions dictated in part by the events of the past two years. Due to an Executive moratorium imposed on acquisition of space, this requirement has been carried over into each succeeding fiscal year. GSA has recently acquiesced to repeated Agency requests and has advised it is willing to proceed with the acquisition in FY 1979, such acquisition, however, being subject to the prospectus requirements established by the Public Buildings Act of 1959, as amended. Thus, the question is raised whether this acquisition should be specifically authorized by the Public Works Committees in addition to being authorized as part of the National Foreign Intelligence budget. My concern with the additional reviewing process is that all evidence indicates that preparation of the prospectus in coordination with GSA and the Office of Management and Budget, plus scheduling and completion of hearings, will delay occupancy of the space until the 1981 time frame. This delay

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will, of course, have a disastrous effect on implementation of the already approved computer systems for intelligence targeting and dissemination.

It is my understanding that your Committees were fully cognizant of this requirement since it was specifically identified as a budget line item and that the sum appropriated for the acquisition remains available for expenditure without need for further authorization. With your concurrences, I intend to advise the General Services Administration that they may proceed with acquisition of approximately 35,000 square feet of leased space without the necessity for further review by the Public Works Committees.

Yours sincerely,

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Admiral Stansfield Turner
Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, DC 20505

Dear Admiral Turner:

Thank you for your letter of June 26, 1978, regarding the Central Intelligence Agency's (CIA) space needs in the Washington metropolitan area.

As your letter indicates, the freeze on leasing space, under which we have been operating for several months, has been eased. All outstanding space requests have been studied in an effort to determine which requests are the most critical. We are now acting on those requests.

Insofar as the CIA's request of September 13, 1977, is concerned, we are in the process of preparing a prospectus for submission to the Public Works Committees of the Congress, through the Office of Management and Budget, in accordance with the provisions of the Public Buildings Act of 1959 and the Public Buildings Amendment of 1972. We must have Congressional approval prior to procuring a block of space large enough to satisfy your stipulated space needs. We will do everything possible to expedite this unfortunately time-consuming process.

In the meantime, please have the appropriate member of your staff contact Mr. Ronald Brothers, of Region 3's Space Management Division, on 472-1711, in order that we might obtain necessary information from your agency, to help us complete the prospectus.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

Jay Solomon
Administrator

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